Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

Date:	
Number:	ENT- 039 De-flagging/retroactively flagging/change flagging
Requestor:	Reconciliation Subcommittee
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Requirement

The trade would like the ability to de-flag entries and reconfigured entries/IASS lines previously flagged for reconciliation. The trade also needs the ability to retroactively flag entries and reconfigured entries/IASS lines for reconciliation. See Entry-010 which addresses the need to designate either prospectively or retrospectively those elements on an entry summary or IASS which need to be reconciled.

A reason code will be provided to indicate why the entry is being de-flagged.

CBP approval is required for some reason codes, but not for "No change." A list of recommended reason codes will be supplied.

ACE should provide the flexibility for an importer or their designated broker to do aggregate de-flagging, by that we mean the importer should be able to de-flag a group of entry summaries and reconfigured entries/IASS lines at one time as opposed to individually. For example, the importer may want to de-flag all of their entries and reconfigured entries/IASS lines for a specific manufacturer for a specific date range.

Importers may NOT retroactively add Reconciliation flags after the entry or reconfigured entry liquidates.

ACE should allow de-flagging either through the portal or via an EDI message.

De-flagging would need to occur within the 21 month time frame set for filing the reconciliation entry.

In addition to de-flagging an entry summary or reconfigured entry, the trade needs the ability to change the reconciliation flag. For example, the filer flagged the entry summary for a value reconciliation but should have flagged it for both value and 9802. ACE should accommodate that change.

Recommended reason codes for de-flagging include the following:

1. Client disappeared, bankrupt, whatever. No reconciliation will ever be filed.
2. Broker flagged an entry that should not have been flagged.
3. An importer asked their broker to flag entries from Mexico. The broker was not programmed to do that so the broker set the importer up with CBP to have all their entries blanket flagged. CBP thus flagged every entry for the importer at every port. The importer needs an aggregate de-flagging capability for this.
4. No-change no change

Recommended data elements to be transmitted to de-flag, retroactively flag or change a reconciliation flag include:

1. Entry Number/Reconfigured Entry Numbers

2. Line Number

3. Importer of Record

4. Reason for change or de-flagging

5. Action to be accomplished (either de-flag, retroactively flag or change flag)

6. Reconciliation issue flag.

The filer should have the option of transmitting minimal data elements or the complete entry summary to accomplish the de-flagging, retroactively flagging or changes to the reconciliation issue flag.

Business Need

The trade needs the ability to de-flag entries and reconfigured entries previously flagged for reconciliation. In some cases, rather than filing a no-change reconciliation, the trade could simply deflag the entry/reconfigured entry or line thus eliminating the need to file the reconciliation. The trade also needs the ability to change the reconciliation reason flag.

Technical Need

Ability to flag an entry or a line for reconciliation either at the time of entry summary filing or retroactively. Ability to de-flag a line on an entry summary or the entry summary/reconfigured entry. Ability to change the reconciliation reason flag.

Benefits

Reduce the need to file a no-change reconciliation. Since ACE will capture changes made at anytime including duties, taxes and fees, updated information will be available to the trade when they start to file a reconciliation. This will eliminate a lot of the problems currently encountered with reconciliations.

Risks

Related Committees

Revenue Committee

Priority: **Critical** ☐ **High** X☐ **Medium** ☐ **Low** ☐